

## **United States European Command**

## JAMES E. WALTHES Command Sergeant Major

Command Sergeant Major James E. Walthes, United States Army, is the Command Sergeant Major, Headquarters United States European Command, Stuttgart, Germany. He assumed this position on 16 February 1996.

The Command Sergeant Major, a native of Mascoutah, Illinois, began his military service in August 1970. He graduated from Park College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management.

Command Sergeant Major Walthes has served as a squad leader with 1st Battalion, 65th Air Defense Artillery (Key West, Florida), 1st Battalion, 2d Air Defense Artillery (Korea), and as a drill sergeant with 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery Brigade (Fort Bliss, Texas) and as a First Sergeant of 2d Battalion, 55th Air Defense Artillery, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade (Fort Bliss, Texas).



Since his appointment to his present rank in April 1987, he has served as the Command Sergeant Major of 1st Battalion, 1st Air Defense Artillery and of the 10th Air Defense Artillery Brigade (both in Germany). He served as the Command Sergeant Major of the 32d Army Air Defense Command from July 1989 until May of 1992, and as the Command Sergeant Major, United States Army Air Defense Artillery Center at Fort Bliss.

Command Sergeant Major Walthes is a graduate of Class 26 of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, the First Sergeants Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, and Primary Leadership Course.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (3d Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (4th Oak Leaf Cluster), various service and campaign ribbons and the Drill Sergeant Badge. Command Sergeant Major Walthes is also a Sergeant Morales Club Member.

Command Sergeant Major Walthes is married to the former Kathleen Radcliff of Mascoutah, Illinois. They have two c hildren, Amber and Rebecca.